

HOUSE RESOLUTION 134

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Cecil Nanney and Sons for sixty-eight years of superior service.

WHEREAS, it is with pleasure that the members of this legislative body recognize those venerable Tennessee businesses that are committed to excellence; and

WHEREAS, for nearly seven decades, Cecil Nanney and Sons has served as the link between dairy farmers, milk producers, and dairy processing plants throughout Weakley County and beyond; the family-owned small business has established and maintained an excellent reputation among the business community and customers alike; and

WHEREAS, in August 1949, Cecil and Frances Nanney sold their milk cows, left the family farm, and bought a Grade C milk route from Cecil Levister; Mr. Nanney paid \$4,500 for the route and a milk truck, signing a note at the Martin Bank. Two weeks later, the first check the Nanneys received was for \$195; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nanney sold his car to purchase parts for the milk truck, working on it in his backyard, and hauled ten-gallon cans of milk to the Pet Milk Plant near his home in Martin. A man who always kept his priorities in order, he spent his lunch hours with his family; and

WHEREAS, Cecil and Frances Nanney eventually moved their operation to a small shop in Latham, where they also repaired vehicles and sold gasoline and sundries; the shop was an integral part of the rural economy in that area, providing jobs for several individuals and serving as a must-stop for early morning commuters; and

WHEREAS, over the years, all four of their sons, Don, Danny, Mike, and Ricky, carried on the legacy of Cecil Nanney, crisscrossing the backroads and highways of Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, and other states; Danny, Mike, and Ricky further expanded the business by picking up more routes; and

WHEREAS, Danny, Mike, and Ricky are still very active in the business, with each of them having a daily routine, and their sons, the third generation of Nanneys, have since taken on primary roles in the business; Ricky's son Bradley takes care of route scheduling and office work, while Danny's son Greg is a farmer and a relief driver and his son Hunter is also a relief driver in addition to maintaining the fleet of trucks and trailers; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Cecil Nanney and Sons expanded operations by purchasing Milk Haulers, Inc., in Nashville, Illinois, increasing their fleet from two to nine trucks. They now haul over twelve million pounds of milk per month, working around the clock with no days off; and

WHEREAS, in the sixty-eight years since Cecil Nanney and Sons began, Cecil and Frances Nanney's family has grown to include eleven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren; Cecil Nanney's entrepreneurial spirit has remained the source of the family's success; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years of operation, there were lean times for the business, as the dairy industry contracted in certain areas, costing many farmers their livelihoods; however, Mr. Nanney and his boys—Cecil Nanney and Sons—persevered, always finding a way to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, Cecil Nanney and Sons is a small business that was built on hard work, integrity, and the importance of family, and it is fitting that the business and those who perpetuate its sterling legacy be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and commend Cecil Nanney and Sons on sixty-eight years of superior service, extending our sincere best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.